

Senate File 140 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 140
BY HATCH

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to parental obligation pilot projects, and
2 making an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. PARENTAL OBLIGATION PILOT PROGRAM

2 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund of
3 the state to the department of human services for the fiscal
4 year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, the
5 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
6 used for the purposes designated:

7 To fund the expansion of an existing unfunded pilot project,
8 as defined in 441 IAC 100.1, relating to parental obligations,
9 in which the child support recovery unit participates, to
10 support the efforts of a nonprofit organization committed to
11 strengthening the community through youth development, healthy
12 living, and social responsibility in a county with a population
13 over 350,000:

14 \$ 40,000

15 The funds appropriated in this section shall be used by
16 the recipient organization to develop a larger community
17 effort, through public and private partnerships, to support
18 a broad-based fatherhood initiative that promotes payment of
19 child support obligations, improved family relationships, and
20 full-time employment.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill appropriates \$40,000 from the general fund of the
23 state for fiscal year 2013-2014, to the department of human
24 services to fund the expansion of an existing unfunded parental
25 obligations pilot project, in which the child support recovery
26 unit (CSRU) participates, and which is supported by the efforts
27 of a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening the
28 community through youth development, healthy living, and social
29 responsibility in a county with a population over 350,000.
30 The CSRU participates in and develops parental obligations
31 pilot projects pursuant to 441 IAC ch. 100 to develop new ways
32 to assist parents in overcoming the barriers which interfere
33 with fulfilling their obligations to their children. Parental
34 obligations under the projects include emotional and personal
35 involvement of the parents beyond simply meeting financial

1 obligations. An "unfunded pilot project" is a project in which
2 CSRU participates which is funded totally by an entity other
3 than CSRU, but which may use incentives offered under 441 IAC
4 ch. 100, such as establishment or modification of support
5 obligations that deviate from the child support guidelines.

6 The funds appropriated in the bill are to be used by
7 the recipient organization to develop a larger community
8 effort, through public and private partnerships, to support
9 a broad-based fatherhood initiative that promotes payment of
10 child support obligations, improved family relationships, and
11 full-time employment.